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Citing the pressing humanitarian nature of the Pakistan earthquake relief effort, the Ambassador pressed Minister of Defense Field Marshal Tantawi on November 2 to seriously consider Centcom's request for MI-17 helicopter parts in support of the relief effort. Tantawi responded sympathetically and promised to look into the matter immediately. Post is also continuing to stress the need for additional support (Ref A) and will report any substantive response after the local Eid al Fitr holiday (November 6).

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